

Amendment No. 1 to SB1770

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1770

House Bill No. 1681*

by deleting Section 1 and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Certificate" means a credential, other than a degree, the receipt of which indicates satisfactory completion of an eligible program offered by an eligible institution;

(2) "Eligible institution" means a community college or Tennessee college of applied technology operated by the Tennessee board of regents;

(3) "Eligible program" means a non-credit workforce training program operated by an eligible institution with a defined curriculum, objectives, and exit skill requirements that leads to an industry certification or an industry-validated certification, including a pre-apprentice lineworker program; and

(4) "TBR" means the Tennessee board of regents.

(b) TBR shall develop and administer a two-year pilot program to award grants to students enrolled in an eligible program at an eligible institution. TBR shall develop an application process for students to apply for a grant under this section. If a student meets each of the qualifications described in subsection (c), then TBR shall award the student a grant in accordance with this section.

(c) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a student must:

(1) Apply for a grant using an application process developed by TBR;

- (2) Be admitted to an eligible program at an eligible institution;
 - (3) Not have previously completed an eligible program at an eligible institution; and
 - (4) Not have previously received a grant under this section.
- (d) The pilot program must begin in, and grants must be awarded in accordance with this section for, the 2022-2023 academic year.
- (e) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly, TBR shall establish the amount of a grant awarded under this section.
- (f) Throughout the pilot program, TBR shall collect and analyze data regarding:
 - (1) The number of students who:
 - (A) Applied for a grant under this section;
 - (B) Received a grant under this section;
 - (C) Completed an eligible program after receiving a grant under this section; and
 - (D) Failed to complete the student's eligible program after receiving a grant under this section;
 - (2) The average amount of a grant awarded under this section; and
 - (3) Information that may assist the general assembly in evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program.
- (g) TBR shall submit a report on the outcomes of the pilot program to the education committee of the senate and to the education administration and education instruction committees of the house of representatives no later than June 30, 2024.
- (h) This section is repealed on July 1, 2024.